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### **UM GROUP HOSTS SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE**

#### **MISSOULA –**

A student group at The University of Montana will host a sustainable transportation conference Thursday and Friday, Sept. 6 and 7, on campus.

UM's Environmental Action Community is organizing the event, "Sustainable Transportation – Going Clean – Going Green."

The conference will begin Sept. 6, with an expo on the Mansfield Mall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will feature food, music and information about sustainable transportation options.

Bob Giordano and David Merrill will deliver the keynote address titled "Come Hell or High Water" at 6 p.m. that evening in the University Center South Ballroom. Giordano is executive director of the Missoula Institute for Sustainable Transportation and Merrill is executive director of GlobalWarmingSolution.org.

A musical benefit for Freecycle will follow at 8 p.m. in the UC South Ballroom. Local bands will play; a \$3 donation is requested.

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On Friday, Sept. 7, several speakers will address sustainable transportation issues from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in UC Rooms 332 and 333. Topics will include the Missoula City/County 20-year transportation plan, Missoula In Motion services, transportation costs of local vs. global food, Missoula's Bicycle Commuter Network and a sustainable transportation vision for Missoula's future.

The conference is sponsored by EAC, MIST, the Associated Students of UM and Missoula In Motion. For more information, contact Rich Gold, [goldrichs@yahoo.com](mailto:goldrichs@yahoo.com), or Belinda Hays, [belhays@hotmail.com](mailto:belhays@hotmail.com).

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